

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, claims 1-14 and 16-20 were rejected under §112, second paragraph. Claim 15 was allowed, and the Examiner indicated claim 1 to recite patentable subject matter.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claim 15 and the indication of patentable subject matter of claim 1.

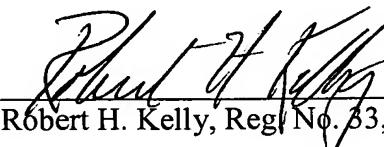
Claim 1 has been amended as set forth herein in a manner believed to overcome the §112, second paragraph, rejection thereof. Accordingly, claim 1, as now-amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-14, dependent upon claim 1, and rejected for the same reasons for which their parent claims was rejected, are, accordingly, also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 15 and 16 have also been amended responsive to the rejection of claim 16 under §112, second paragraph. And, as now-amended, claim 16 is believed to be in condition for allowance. As dependent claim 17-18 and 20 (claim 19 is dependent upon claim 15) were rejected for the same reasons for which their parent claim was rejected, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of claims 1-14 and 16-20 is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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